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Classified by DCM Samuel C. Laeuchli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) On September 24, DCM, accompanied by PolOff, delivered reftel demarche to Alain Ilboudo, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ilboudo recognized the importance of not allowing Abkhaz and South Ossetian representatives to share their views in an international forum in a way that gives them legitimacy. However, Ilboudo said Burkina Faso was going to refrain from taking a position at this time but would be continuing its internal deliberations. Burkina Faso would continue to observe the situation and notify the Embassy when they have a position on the issues, said Ilboudo.

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